

## CLAIMS

1. A recording operation control device for an electronic still camera, comprising:

an image data recording processor that exposes an imaging device to obtain image data and performs a recording operation by which said image data is recorded in a recording medium, said image data recording processor being actuated by depressing a shutter button of said electronic still camera; and

a recording operation stopping processor that stops said recording operation before said recording operation is completed, said recording operation stopping processor being actuated by depressing said shutter button.

2. A device according to claim 1, wherein said recording operation is stopped, after said recording operation is started, by depressing again said shutter button.

3. A device according to claim 2, wherein said recording operation is stopped by depressing said shutter button by a plurality of times within a predetermined period.

4. A device according to claim 1, wherein said recording operation stopping processor stops an exposure to said imaging device.

5. A device according to claim 1, wherein said recording operation stopping processor stops a reading operation in which an image signal generated in said imaging device is read

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from said imaging device.

6. A device according to claim 1, further comprising a photographing parameter setting processor that, when said recording operation stopping processor stops said recording operation, sets a first photographing parameter of first image data which would be recorded in said stopped recording operation, as a second photographing parameter of second image data which is to be recorded in a next recording operation.

7. A recording operation control device for an electronic still camera, comprising:

an image data recording processor that exposes an imaging device to obtain image data and performs a recording operation by which said image data is recorded in a recording medium, said image data recording processor being actuated by depressing a shutter button of said electronic still camera; and

a recording operation stopping processor that stops said recording operation before said recording operation is completed, said recording operation stopping processor being actuated by operating a recording operation stopping switch which is other than said shutter button.

8. A device according to claim 7, wherein said recording operation is stopped by operating both of said recording operation stopping switch and said shutter button.

9. A device according to claim 7, wherein said recording

operation stopping processor stops an exposure to said imaging device.

10. A device according to claim 7, wherein said recording operation stopping processor stops a reading operation in which an image signal generated in said imaging device is read from said imaging device.

11. A device according to claim 7, further comprising a photographing parameter setting processor that, when said recording operation stopping processor stops said recording operation, sets a first photographing parameter of first image data which would be recorded in said stopped recording operation, as a second photographing parameter of second image data which is to be recorded in a next recording operation.

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